

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Int'l Application No
PCT/IB2005/050452

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 H05K1/11

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 H05K H01L

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 6 150 729 A (GHAHGHAMI ET AL) 21 November 2000 (2000-11-21) the whole document -----	1-24
A	US 5 784 262 A (SHERMAN ET AL) 21 July 1998 (1998-07-21) the whole document -----	1-24

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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
US 6150729	A 21-11-2000	NONE	
US 5784262	A 21-07-1998	KR 258263 B1	01-06-2000

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- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
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1. Statement

Novelty (N) Yes: Claims 1-24
 No: Claims

Inventive step (IS) Yes: Claims 1-24
 No: Claims

Industrial applicability (IA) Yes: Claims 1-24
 No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

(Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PHUS040110WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See item 4 below
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International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
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